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SUBJECT: JUNE 27 PRISON VISIT

1. AFTER SOME INITIAL CONFUSION ON THE PART OF THE
ADANA PRISON GUARDS, WHICH DELAYED OUR VISIT 20
MINUTES, WE MET WITH ZENZ, MCDANIEL, AND HUBBARD
FOR 1 1/2 HOURS JUNE 27. THEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
TO VON DEN STEINEN, WHO WAS MAKING HIS LAST VISIT,
FOR HIS HELP OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

2. THE ANTAKYA THREE BROUGHT OUT A NUMBER OF
LETTERS THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM CONGRESSMAN
SAWYER CONTAINING HIS HOUSE SPEECHES URGING A
PRISONER EXCHANGE TREATY AND QUERIED THE

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PRINCIPAL OFFICER ABOUT TREATY PROCEDURES, WHICH
HE DESCRIBED BROADLY. WE ALSO DISCUSSED A PROPOSED
TURKISH LAW, NOW BEFORE PARLIAMENT, WHICH MAY
PROVIDE FOR THE CONVERSION OF PRISON TERMS OF
FOREIGN DRUG OFFENDERS TO FINES. NEVERTHELESS,
THEY SEEMED HOPEFUL THAT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL
ACTION WOULD SPEED THEIR RELEASE.
3. THE PRISONERS ALSO ASKED ABOUT A NEW TURKISH
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LAW WHICH THEY UNDERSTOOD WOULD ALLOW PRISONERS
PERIODIC FURLOUGHS FROM CONFINEMENT. THEY SAID
THAT THE PRISON DIRECTOR OFFERED TO COOPERATE
IN ARRANGING THEIR 'LEAVE' IF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
WOULD ALSO CONSENT AND SAID THEY WOULD PETITION
FOR A DAY OFF ON JULY 4. HOWEVER, THE ADANA
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR TOLD US THAT HE HAD NO KNOW-

LEDGE OF THIS LAW AND CONSIDERED IT OUT OF THE
QUESTION. ANKARA IS REQUESTED TO CHECK OUT THE
SPECIFIC SECTION OF THE LAW WHICH MAY BE IN
QUESTION.

VON DEN STEINEN

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